

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10-13, 15 and 18 remain in the application. Claims 14, 16 and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 10, 15 and 18 have been amended.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claim 17 of the present application is directed to allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant has herein amended independent claim 10 to include the claim elements of claim 17, as well as intervening claims 14 and 16.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 10 of the present application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Moreover, dependent claims 11-13, 15 and 18 which respectfully depend from independent claim 10 should also be deemed allowable.

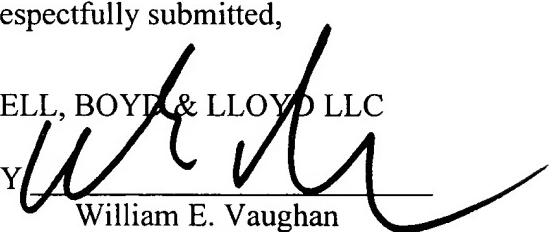
In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

It is further acknowledged that a three-month extension of time is due in connection with this Amendment. However, if any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No.: 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (0112740-147) on the account statement.

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